Mountain Weather Forecast

Snowdonia National Park

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Saturday 19 Aug 2023 until 23:59 on Sunday 20 Aug 2023

Forecast Issued on Saturday 19 Aug 2023 at 03:21

Confidence: High confidence for strong winds and unsettled conditions Friday night into Saturday and for the subsequent trend towards finer and drier weather. Low confidence for Tuesday and Wednesday due to a narrow band of rain and cloud in the area.

Headline for Saturday 19 Aug 2023: Wet and windy at first, but gradually improving.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 19 Aug 2023

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** High Likelihood
Gales High Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Low Likelihood	**Poor visibility** High Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** Low Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light rain	Light rain	Fog	Fog	Fog	Fog
Precipitation probability					
40%	30%	30%	20%	20%	10%

Forecast for Saturday 19 Aug 2023

Weather: Very windy at first, with dangerous gusts over exposed ground and gales in valleys. This will be accompnaied by spells of light rain and extensive low cloud. Conditions should very gradually improve as the day progresses, with the best chance of drier and brighter intervals in the east late in the day, although even here it is likely to remain cloudy, extensively so further west.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: Near-nil generally at first, perhaps improving 60% in the east later.

Low Cloud and visibility: Cloud base will gradually rise towards 600m during the morning and early afternoon, but the highest tops will likely remain covered, particularly in the west. Best chance of any breaks in the north east of the park. Visibility poor or very poor in morning rain, becoming good by the afternoon. Moderate in any showers.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
900	58/68 SW	45/55 SW	42/54 SW	40/52 SW	38/48 SW	33/42 SW	29/37 SW
600	42/51 S	33/42 SW	31/42 SW	30/40 SW	28/37 SW	24/33 SW	21/29 SW
300	27/45 S	21/35 S	21/36 SW	20/35 SW	19/32 SW	16/29 SW	13/25 SW
Valley	27/44 S	21/34 S	20/35 SW	20/34 SW	18/30 SW	16/29 SW	13/24 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
900	10/4	10/5	11/5	11/6	11/6	10/6	10/6
600	12/6	13/8	13/8	13/8	13/8	12/8	12/9
300	15/10	15/12	15/12	16/12	15/12	15/12	15/12
Valley	16/11	17/13	17/14	18/14	17/14	16/13	16/14
Freezing Level*	2900m	2800m	2800m	2300m	2500m	2500m	2500m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Meteorologist's View

Unseasonably windy at first, with strong winds making walking arduous, particularly at height. Navigation could be challenging, given combination of hill fog and strong and gusty winds. Watercourses may become swollen and paths are likely to be slippery after overnight rain.

Forecast for Sunday 20 Aug 2023

Weather: Occasional showers overnight Saturday into Sunday, but becoming largely dry Sunday daytime, with just the odd shower during the afternoon. Brighter, with sunny spells. Still quite breezy over higher ground, but much less windy than Saturday.

Maximum wind: Southwesterly 30 gusting 40 mph

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 60%

Low Cloud and visibility: Fairly extensive cloud base 300-400m at first, but this will quickly lift towards 700-800m by the middle of the day, breaking up a little, but perhaps persisting over the highest summits, particularly in the west. Very good visibility, but very poor in any cloud covering hills, and only moderate in showers.

Temperature: **Valleys:** Plus 15 becoming plus 19 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 10 Celsius
Freezing level: Above the summits

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